



# Clay County Board Minutes



## COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, July 12, 2011 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met July 12, 2011 as per public notice given in the Clay County News on July 6, 2011 a copy of the proof of publication being on file in the County Clerk's Office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting and on the county website. Chairman Fintel presided with roll call showing the following present: Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson, Shaw, Johnson, Schmidt and Fintel. Minutes of the meeting held June 28, 2011 were sent to the board members. All of the proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Chairman, Fintel stated that the open meeting law poster is posted on the west wall in the back of the room.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Nuss to approve the minutes of the meeting held June 28, 2011 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Shaw, Nuss and Fintel; abstain: Johnson. Motion carried.

There was no public input.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent reported that they are working on Road R and two bridges; discussed the agreements with NRCS for the two WRP projects and reported that the paperwork for the Federal Funds Purchase Program had been received.

Julie Bergen, Clerk Magistrate presented the preliminary budget request for the County Court. The request is the same as last year. Julie reported that the agency that had been paying bailiff mileage is no longer going to do so. Julie will try to figure the mileage into her budget without raising the overall budget. Julie reported that there has been: 1 adoption, 5 small claims, 19 Juvenile, 26 probate, 96 criminal, 223 civil and 257 traffic cases so far this year.

Travis Songster, Custodian presented the Buildings and Grounds preliminary budget request. The request is lower than last year. Travis also reported that he had 3 contacts inquiring about the bids for the building. The caulking that he did on the roof helped during the last big rain.

A committee from the Road Department talked to the board about wages and benefits for the Road Dept. The following information to justify a pay raise was presented: on call 24/7 without pay especially through winter months; carpenters: do all shed repairs from roofing to concrete work/they have built a parts loft, shelves, replaced doors, plumbing work; fabrication: cutting iron/welding building trailers, drags, grapple forks/created a sign truck; do mechanic work; trim trees; work at courthouse/health dept/moving furniture or whatever is needed; they do all the above and still maintain roads, do all the dirt work, repair and replace bridges. It was mentioned that they believed they lost a lot of time when the county implemented the PTO to replace vacation, sick and funeral leave and they asked the board to consider increasing the



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time off that could be earned/accumulated. They also asked that each department (Road, Sheriff, Courthouse) be considered individually when deciding on wage increases. The chairman asked if they would rather be paid for comp. time instead of using it. The reply was that they relied on the comp. time to be there in case they had to use all their PTO for an injury or illness.

Josh Andersen was the spokesperson for the advisory group. Josh explained the coordination authority that is acknowledged by Federal Law. The concept behind the coordination requirement is for Federal agencies to work with local agencies (including local government) in meaningful ways. Three letters were drafted.

Motion by Anderson and seconded by Shaw to sign the letters to the Rainwater Basin, Region 6 Office and the Wildlife Service Director. On roll call, yea: Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson and Fintel. Motion carried.

The board did not work on the budget for the Board of Supervisors.

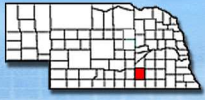
Loren Uden, Emergency Management Consultant presented the Emergency Management (formerly Civil Defence), 911 and E 911 preliminary budget requests. The 11-12 allocation for E911 will be \$30,056.54. The 911 budget is basically the same as last year. Removing the salary and benefit line items from the 911 budget and increasing the Jail budget for those items was discussed. Loren will talk to the Sheriff about this. The need to move into the digital world with 911 equipment was discussed. Loren has looked into the Turbo package from Motorola to begin this process. The increase in the Emergency Management budget was primarily due to the consultant fee and budgeting for a vehicle, radio and office equipment. The EM office has been moved upstairs in the former Sheriff residence (now being used for office space). Furniture and equipment has been purchased from Federal Surplus.

Ted Griess, County Attorney did not meet with the Board.

The Treasurer's semi-annual statement will be put on next week's agenda.

The correspondence from Alvin P. Alms & Company concerning budget preparation for the next three years was discussed. Motion by Nuss and seconded by Schmidt to authorize the chairman to sign the acceptance letter for budget preparation for fiscal years ending June 30, 2012, 2013 and 2014 with Alvin P. Alms & Company. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson and Fintel. Motion carried.

The fee reports were circulated for review. Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Johnson to accept the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of June 2011: County Clerk, \$3,467.15, County Court \$11,305.76, Clerk of District Court, \$6,338.07, and County Treasurer receipts #11060001 thru #11060063 in the amount of \$165,768.52; and for the County Sheriff's fee report for the month of May \$12,966.22. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt and Fintel. Motion carried.



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Jack Cox, Veteran Service Officer requested a reappointment to the Service committee. Motion by Nuss and seconded by Anderson to reappoint Martin Lewis to the Clay County Veterans Service Committee for a term of 5 years beginning on July 1, 2011. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson and Fintel. Motion carried.

Mid-Nebraska Individual Services, Inc. submitted their budget request (via a claim) based on \$1.00 per capita. The request is lower due to the population loss according to the 2010 census. Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Nuss to grant the budget request of Mid-Nebraska Individual Services, Inc. for fiscal year 2011-2012 in the amount of \$6542.00. On roll call, yea: Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Fintel. Motion carried.

The letter and nominating form from the FSA office was presented. The board was not interested in nominating anyone.

The Misc. General and Building Sinking budgets will be placed on next week's agenda.

Motion by Nuss and seconded by Schmidt to adjourn this meeting at 12:08 P.M.; next meeting scheduled for July 19, 2011. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Nuss and Fintel. Motion carried.

Deborah Karnatz, County Clerk

Ivan Fintel, Chairman